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Thursday, February 14, 1952.

We had a meeting at the Embassy this morning - Dean, George Perkins, Jack McCloy, Hank Byroade, Walter Donnelly, Julius Holmes, Chuck Spofford and others. The Saar, Security Controls, the German Financial Contribution to Defense, the relationship of NATO to EDC, German war criminals, and other matters were discussed. Dean, Averell and Walter Gifford went off to see Winston Churchill, and we rejoined them at 14 Prince's Gate for lunch.

This afternoon, there were hectic meetings at the Embassy with much telephoning to Washington, especially on the French military budget figure of 1,400 billion francs, the attainment of which will require a much more rapid and efficient administration of American aid than has yet been in evidence.

To-night, I dined with ~~John Kelly at Cunningham's~~ Oyster Bar on Curzon Street, a simple dinner for five pounds sterling!

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